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YANKS TAKE COUTANCES; WARSAW SHELLED

B-29s Raid Plants Near Mukden Americans Push In First Assault on Manchuria; South, Repulse One Shot Down, Japanese Claim Tank Attacks

Big Bombers Make Daylight Attack In Good Weather

(Map on Page A-2.)

A SUPER FORTRESS BASE IN WESTERN CHINA, July 29.-A large force of American B-29 Super Fortress bombers struck

(The raid was first announced in Washington at 1:51 a.m. today, from the War Department offices of Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of the 20th Air Force as well as chief of the entire Army Air Forces.)

Hugh columns of smoke sprang up from the bombed works, and it was to rebuild the installations. Taking off in favorable weather,

Code Word 'Mary' For Mukden Attack Honors Colonel's Wife

SUPER FORTRESS BASE IN WESTERN CHINA, July 29.-The code word, "Mary," which told the world of the first American air raid on Manchuria today, was chosen by Col. Roy Lynn Holton of Kansas, communications officer of the 20th Bomber Command, in honor of his wife.

Later "Judy" and "Alyce" were flashed by other squadrons. 'Judy" was chosen by Maj. Selby Calkins for his 7-year-old daughter, who lives in Detroit and "Alyce" was selected by Maj. Francis B. Morgan for his wife, who lives in Miami, Fla.

the great bombers of the world-Force loosed their explosives from a powerful smash at installations important to Japanese munitions

First Attack on Manchuria.

It was the first American air at-

The Japanese have recently day. belief that it was safer from air overlooking Florence. attack than Japan proper.

(The Japanese - controlled Hsingking home radio, in a Japanese-language broadcast reported by OWI, declared one B-29 was shot down over Anshan. The broadcast said raiders also had penetrated into the "Dairen area" near Port Arthur and were in "two groups consisting of several planes each." The Washington announcement of the action did not mention any losses.)

The Super Fortresses took off from

this base at dawn. One diversionary force headed for Chenghsien, bottleneck of the Peiping-Hankow Railway in Northern Honan Province, where it bombed the railyards which the Japanese are attempting feverishly to rebuild.

The others headed northward, and hours later the radio silence was broken by a flashed code word disclosing that the explosives had been dropped on the target area

(See MUKDEN, Page A-2.) Girl Scouts Join Search For Mrs. Horsfall, 72

searching the woods in the vicinity of 3835 S street N.W. for Mrs. Elizaleader who disappeared from home

Thursday afternoon. Her husband, R. Bruce Horsfall, said she had suffered a breakdown By Holiday Crowds two years ago, incurring a loss of By the Associated Press. memory. He said he "kept an eye on her, never left her a minute."

the afternoon Mrs. Horsfall left platforms of several large railway home. He said he feared she would stations today and stretched, six not be able to tell any one where abreast, for nearly a mile outside of

At the time of her disappearance, he told police, she was wearing a than nine hours, waiting to board of the crew of approximately 60 preted by some as indicating that toned down the front. She has blue like it had been seen before. Most eyes and dark wavy hair and looks of the passengers were headed to younger than her 72 years.

years, the Horsfalls recently cele- flying bombs. brated their 38th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, not liv- Tokyo Reports Attack

ing in Washington. Mrs. Horsfall has been active in Girl Scout work for 25 years, her By 400 Planes on Palau husband said. She often substituted By the Associated Press. in running Girl Scout "Little

General Captures Prisoner TERS. July 29 (AP).—An American ments in a column miles long ham- carrier-based planes against an un- Telephone communications bebourg Peninsula.

Col. Gabreski, Top U.S. Ace, Is Missing, Parents Are Told

Had Refused Leave Until He Could Down 28th Nazi Plane

America's leading air ace, Lt. heavily today at the heart of Col. Francis S. Gabreski, 25, who Japan's "arsenal of Greater East recently refused leave to come Asia," raining explosives on the home and marry until after he heavy industry city of Anshan in had shot down his 28th plane, is the Mukden area of Eastern missing in action over Germany, Col Gabreski had 31 planes to his credit, but 3 were destroyed on the ground.

This tragic development was announced today by the colonel's parents in Oil City, Pa., who said they had been advised by the War Department that their son had been missing since July 20, the Associated Press reported.

The colonel, according to dispatches from England, got his estimated it would take 12 months coveted 28th plane on July 5 near Evreux, France. The air victory placed him ahead of Maj. Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Okla., and Maj. Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis. They had downed 27 planes each.

Recently it was reported that the flyer, after downing 27 planes, was offered a 30-day leave to come home on another mission which resulted and marry his fiancee, Miss Kay in his loss.

plane, Col. Gabreski was unable to the chance remains that Col. Gatake leave immediately and went (See GABRESKI, Page A-3.)



GABRESKI.

Cochran of Grand Rapids, Mich., The "missing-in-action" classificawhom he had met in the Hawaiian tion is used by the War Department Islands three years ago. He refused when it is not known definitely to leave the air until he had passed whether the pilot is dead or alive, the records of Majs. Johnson and but when he has failed to return to his base and none of his companions Presumably, after getting his 28th have seen him parachute safely. So

Main Western Anchor

Of German Line Fell

With Little Bloodshed

By THOMAS R. HENRY,

WITH UNITED STATES

ern anchor of the main German

and upper floors of houses.

(See HENRY, Page A-2.)

By Foe in Mediterranean

sweeper Swerve was sunk in the

Mediterranean "recently" as a re-

sult of enemy action, the Navy De-

to be a survivor. The Navy Depart-

the beginning of the war.

Berlin Communication

With Stockholm Normal

battle.

German Line Cracked Tank Unit Commanded By New Zealanders By Virginia Captain South of Florence **Led Coutances Entry**

Allies Push to Within 5 Miles of City Despite Nazi Counterattacks

By the Associated Press.

ROME, July 29.-Desert-hardened New Zealand veterans have tack on Manchuria, the first day- cracked Nazi defenses south of FORCES IN COUTANCES, July light assault from high-altitude for Florence and knifed their way 28 (Delayed).-With a tank unit tween Canisy and Notre Dame-de at his home in Bonham, Tex., after the new, giant planes, and their into the last mountain line, 52 commanded by Capt. Murray W. Cenilly third blow against major Japanese miles from the historic city, Al- Farmer of Danville, Va., I enlied headquarters announced to- tered this afternoon this west-

moved a large part of their war in- The break-through provoked strong line of resistance across the dustry to Manchuria, particularly German counterattacks, and bitter peninsula. to the Mukden area, in the apparent fighting was reported in the hills

Tiger tanks swept the leading company of New Zealanders back 600 pushed forward elements into the Coutances. yards, but official reports said the center of the city across minefields, and positions in the hills were being resistance

The New Zealand advance took body of tanks halted before a bad off from a bridgehead over the minefield halfway into the city, small Pesa River at Cerbaia. as South African troops crossed the off with white tape to flush a single Greve River, 2 miles south of Im- German company, reported consistpruneta, which is only 51/2 miles ing of 40 men, from church steeples

from the city's boundaries. Aside from the bitter fighting in yesterday along the remainder of the Italian front.

Official reports said the situation on the 5th Army front was unchanged, with American and German artillery continuing a duel mention was made of whether either two had been injured. The soldiers. side was shelling the city of Pisa a boasting unit in their first mild ligious significance.

On the extreme left wing, the 8th happened. Army was within 2 miles of Empoli, on the south banks of the Arno unit fought a dramatic battle Girl Scouts joined police today in nearly 30 miles east of Pisa and within 21/2 miles of Monte Lupo. North of Arezzo, where the 8th Army has made scant progress since Minesweeper Swerve Sunk

(See ITALY, Page A-2.) London Stations Jammed

LONDON, July 29.—August bank holiday crowds which began to pour partment announced today. Mr. Horsfall said he was resting out of London yesterday jammed

Some persons stood in line more areas west of London, which have Residents of Washington for 20 not been reached by the Germans'

NEW YORK, July 29 .- The Tokyo radio said today that 400 Allied carrier-based planes had raided Palau By the Associated Press. Island, 500 miles east of the Philip- STOCKHOLM, July 29.—Stock-SUPREME ALLIED HEADQUAR- pines, in repeated attacks yesterday. holm communications with Berlin force was forging down the Vire not alive to receive his. The broadcast, reported to the were normal again today, after havgeneral on foot, with a prisoner he Office of War Information by Gov- ing been cut off since Friday, probpersonally captured, led American ernment monitors, also mentioned a ably because of an Allied air attack forces into Coutances as tank ele- "simultaneous enemy attack" by 20 on Central Germany.

Palau."

Nazis Report Plans

To Withdraw Entire Flank in West

NOTRE DAME-LE CHEN-ILLY, Normandy (P).-Retreating elements of seven German divisions ran headon today into a 30-mile American armored line to the south which hurled them back while 9th Air Force fighter bombers cut their battle strength with merciless assault. Here is the strategic picturé: A powerful armored column has driven down this road from Canisy to the River Sienne below Lengronne. There are Germans on both sides of the road. Those on the north are being driven south by American infantry and tanks, and as they retreat they suddenly find themeslves blocked at this highway. On roads on the right flank leading south from Canisy another American column has driven a wedge, while the cleanup was being made. German armor is trying to smash through this wedge and relieve the situation here.

By the Associated Press. SUPREME ALLIED HEAD- Demobilization Bills QUARTERS, July 29.-American tanks today drove southward in a new burst of speed after the capture of Coutances. They hammered back the first strong enemy armored counterattack east of Coutances and threatened Garman lines blocking the way to the heart of France.

(DNB, the German news agency, reported the Germans are about to withdraw their entire western wing of the invasion front "to strengthen lines" and declared the Americans were bringing up reinforcements for a large-scale offensive.)

Already tank guns commanded the to extricate troops for a fresh stand. More than 100 duels raged be- Mr. Byrnes had made tween American Sherman tanks and them for emergency action great 60-ton German Tiger tanks. by-passed in the rush of American armor in a high forested area be- Associated Press reported, was made

Fight for Survival. for survival by German remnants morrow. left behind to try to hold open a

route along the coast for the enemy's battered infantry. While two units fought their way Associated Press Correspondent westward to the outskirts of the Hal Boyle reported American tanks The momentum of the savage city from Marigny, an armored unit had brought Brehal within gun burn was quoted as saying. counterthrusts by Nazi infantry and dashed directly southward into a range after capturing the village of

Another column to the east Byrnes that Congress would give enemy then was brought to a halt but there was scarcely any other reached St. Denis-Le Gast, 10 miles prompt consideration to the surplus from the coast and 9 miles south of war property bill and legislation When I left late this afternoon, a Coutances.

Any enemy forces remaining above tion. Coutances were doomed by a spearhead of tanks which reached the Senator Barkley is expected to ar- Dies Committee. It was being tion or comment to the press, the River was taking shape in the Sowhile infantry proceeded cautiously The threat to Florence also grew throught a 2-yard-wide lane marked Atlantic below the Siene Estuary south of Coutances.

centered around the hamlet of Pont consider the legislation. Brocard, on a highway between This picturesque city, mentioned Canisy and Notre Dame-de Centilly the New Zealanders' sector, there for weeks as the next major goal of after the Americans jumped off at tion by Senator Kilgore, Democrat, ganization as "the political arm' the Normandy campaign and the dawn on the fifth successive day of of West Virginia, who declared re- of the New Deal. center through which trapped Ger- their offensive.

man Lt. Gen. Paul Hausser would Nazis Mass Reinforcements. Successive encircling movements try to escape southward, was expected to be the scene of a hard threatened to push the enemy's whole Normandy front back to a Actually it was armost a bloodless across the Lower Arno River. No victory. Late this afternoon only east at Caen and on the southwest 70-mile line anchored on the northat Avranches.

Marshal Rommel was concentratafter a plea by Pope Pius for conbaptism under fire, now had their ing reinforcements from both the lary developments in Europe emmittee, evidence in the report he in this country had had embarmideration of its historical and an embarmittee, evidence in the report he in this country had had embarsideration of its historical and re- first Purple Heart and were envy- east and west. A convoy of three ing the wounded heroes for what armed minesweepers and four landing craft crowded with soldiers approaching the Atlantic port of but also to maintain an orderly war report cited records of numerous tel-Granville, 15 miles south of Coutances, was bombed and machine gunned by naval Grumman Avengers who sank a landing craft and

damaged a minesweeper A total of 250 German tanks were reported knocked out by American day and that he was expected here to subpoensed from the New York Telfighter planes alone in the last day and that he would undertake to subpoensed from the New York Telof sugar, negotiations with Canada time later. reported knocked out by American The 890-ton United States mine three days.

Many Germans Escape. There was no evidence that any large number of Germans were caught in the Coutances area pocket formed by the junction of the west-Her commander, Lt. Andrew ward thrust and the drives south-Morthland, 33, of Los Angeles, a ward from the region of Lessay and former newspaperman, was reported Periers.

The absence of a pronounced dement made public no figures on the laying action in Marshal Rommel's officers and men. Next of kin of he had had time to evacuate the casualties have been notified, the pocket.

The spearhead which closed the The vessel is one of the newest Coutances pocket reached the sea type of fleet mine sweepers author- south of the Sienne River estuary ized in January, 1941, and was about 4 miles below the city as commissioned January 23, 1944. She columns from the north and west is the 172d naval vessel lost since gained heights over the city, put it At least two more columns driving south in an 18-mile stretch below

Coutances have reached St. Denis-

United States 9th Air Force pilots

Planning Committees Called to Capital Speaker Rayburn announced her body landing in the roadway her husband, who previously had

House committees on postwar Park. to speed enactment of demobili- park police. There were no witzation bills before the collapse in Germany. His announcement followed assur-

Members of Postwar

11 miles below Coutances and 21/2 Director Byrnes that Congress would miles from the sea, through which take up reconversion legislation at

at his home in Bonham, Tex., after he had conferred with Mr. Byrnes Dies Group Weighs by telephone. The Speaker said he This appeared to be mostly a fight would leave for Washington to-

Prompt Action Promised.

"When Germany will collapse nopared for the problems that will fol-Senate Majority Leader Barkley

path cleared by the infantry and Le Mesnil-Aubert, 7 miles south of and House Majority Leader McCormack, meanwhile, had assured Mr. to establish an office of demobiliza-

The fighting east of Coutances Committee will meet Tuesday to

conversion legislation is needed in "preparation for the collapse of Ger-

Kilgore Co-author of Measure. phasize the fact that reconversion made public yesterday. legislation is needed not only to production program during the difficult period of partial cutbacks" of war production.

Senator Kilgore was in Elmira, N. Y., in connection with a Truman Committee investigation, but his office said he was expected here topersuade congressional leaders to keep Congress in session next month to act on reconversion. The summer be extended until early September.

Rayburn Takes Action Daughter of Dr. Burke Killed To Speed Passage of In Plunge From Taft Bridge Mrs. Murat Williams, Member of Well-Known against the Western Bug River.

Family, Reported Long in Poor Health Mrs. Murat Williams, 25, wife half a mile from her home at 2311 of a Navy lieutenant and mem- Tracy place N.W.

Relatives said Lt. Williams re-

The Burkes belong to one of the

Ordered Not to Talk

To Stringent Ruling

rassing repercussions in the South

Would Affect Broad Fields.

The instruction, if rigidly ad-

hered to, would affect sources of

supplies, and discussions and nego-

"Except when specifically author-

ized, conversations and correspond-

any reference to current or pending

negotiations with foreign govern-

ments and agencies. Furthermore,

reference to completed negotiations

shall be permitted only when the

matter has already been officially

announced and the Government's

"Injudicious comments of this na-

ture may lead and have led to reper-

lations with these countries. For

policy determined.

American country.

On Trade Negotiations

from Taft Bridge early today, time. Shortly after her marriage. today that all members of the 125 feet below in Rock Creek served as secretary to Alexander planning and legislation would Mrs. Williams, the former Eda to Spain, left this country for Spain,

Simon Legree

nesses, police said. She was pronounced dead at the scene by cently returned from Spain and is Emergency Hospital doctors re- now on duty in Washington. Mrs. sponding to an ambulance call. Identified first through her driv- W. Burke, are vacationing at Squam, road networks feeding into Brehal, Senate leaders to War Mobilization er's permit, she was positively iden- N. H. tified by Dr. Charles W. Sheerin. rector of the Church of the Epiph- old families of Alexandria and any, who officiated at her marriage Washington. Dr. Burke is one of next Tuesday, to Lt. Williams in May , 1942. Dr. the country's outstanding eye sperequest of Sheerin's wife is a sister of Lt. Wil- cialists.

Police placed the time of her fall during the 1937 social season. She is

Mr. Rayburn's announcement, the at 7:50 a.m. The scene was about a graduate of St. Timothy's School.

Probe of Officials Under Hatch Act

Committee Report Says Government Chiefs Here Co-operated With CIO

An investigation under the In an outgrowth of the Argennational election campaign was ment employes have been in- march on Germany itself. rive here Monchy or Tuesday and considered by the group on the trade or to "other nongovern- viet Baltic republics. that the Senate Military Affairs basis of a report linking high mental officials" on negotiations Government officials with activi- of this country with foreign The Byrnes announcement fol- ties of the CIO Political Action governments, except when spelowed an appeal for immediate ac- Committee and labeling that or- cifically authorized.

committee investigating un-Ameri- Jones, war food administrator. can activities called for a "thorough Senator Kilgore, co-author of a sible Hatch Act violations as Chair- an Agriculture Department official ure now pending in the Senate, said over to the Justice Department, or for the importation of Argentine in a statement that "current mili- pursue further through his com- corn to help meet a grain shortage

Prepared by Robert E. Stripling, face squarely the problems of peace, chief committee investigator, the ephone calls and telegrams exchanged between the CIO committee's New York office and Government officials here.

Telephone and telegraph records ephone Co. and the Western Union with regard to importation of grains Telegraph Co.

Some of the calls and telegrams,

but leaders have said the recess may periods of intense pre-election ac- regard to postwar commodity agree-'Major of St. Lo' Is Identified ence between employes of the Department of Agriculture and mem-As Thomas D. Howie of Staunton bers of the press or trade or other nongovernmental officials shall omit Dead Officer, Teacher at Virginia Academy,

Gets Tributes as Buddies Get Medals

REGIMENT IN FRANCE, July

The "Major of St. Lo" was Thomas D. Howie, Staunton, Va., one of by the withdrawing Germans,

talion of this regiment which wa encircled on the outskirts, and just WITH THE 116th INFANTRY before the start of a new attack. Today the major lies in honor under artillery fire and then quickly 23 (Delayed).—They passed out 29th Division's cemetery—but on presidential citations today to the day St. Lo was taken the dead officers and doughboys who major was carried through the cracked St. Lo, the eastern hinge streets in state in an ambulance le-Gast and Maupertuis on the east- of the German battle line, and it and his flag-draped body was placed west highway between Tessy-sur- was a sad ceremony to many be- on a pile of rubble beside the shell-Vire and Brehal. An additional cause the "Major of St. Lo" was wrecked church of Ste. Croix. The storming force passed in review through an artillery barrage thrown yesterday knocked out 70 German the most beloved battalion leaders Taught and Coached at Staunton

Reds Believed Within Sight of **Polish Capital Other Soviet Forces**

Streets of Siedlce (Map on Page A-2.)

Are Battling Through

By the Associated Press. MOSCOW, July 29.—The big guns of the Red Army opened up today on German troops in the suburbs of Warsaw, while advance cavalry, scout cars and tanks pushing from the southeast were believed within sight

of the Polish capital. Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's advance units stabbed forward during the night from Kolbiel, 20 miles southeast of Warsaw, followed by powerful artillery pieces which were wheeled into position for the bombardment.

Marshal Rokossovsky's right wing moved on for the purpose of joining other Russian forces battling through the streets of Siedlice, 50 miles east of Warsaw, after capturing Brest-Litovsk.

(A Stockholm dispatch reported the Germans planned a vast strategic withdrawal on the Russian front and that they would make no further stand east of Warsaw.)

20,000 Believed Hemmed In.

Marshal Rokossovsky left units under Kuban Cossack Gen. Pliev to help special mopping-up squads take Field dispatches said it was the same old story-thousands of Germans waiting too long to retreat.

More than 20,000 Nazis were believed hemmed in, with escape virber of a well-known Washington Dr. Sheerin said Mrs. Williams tually out of the question. With family, plunged to her death had been in ill health for some Brest-Litovsk captured, Marshal Rokossovsky freed numerous units for fighting against Siedlce. Meanwhile, in Northern Lithu-

ania, the Russians plunged to with-W. Weddell, American Ambassador in 50 miles of Riga, Latvian seaport be called back here immediately Louise Burke, was found dying by where he was on duty as the naval Joniskis, 23 miles north of the rail Army estimated at perhaps 300,000 was imperiled in Estonia and Latvia with the cutting of the main Nazi Williams' parents, Dr. and Mrs. John rail route to East Prussia.

The German radio said today that Red Army troops, in a push practically cutting off the Baltics, had penetrated to Jelgava, 21 miles south of Riga, but were later thrown out.)

Jaroslaw and Przemysl Fall.

Mrs. Williams made her debut In the south, the Nazi strongholds of Jaroslaw and Przemysl fell to the Russian Ukraine forces thrusting Agriculture Employes westward toward Krakow on the main trunk railway to Germany. A march into Czechoslovakia through the Carpatrian Mountain passes

A dispatch from the Army newspaper Red Star said long lines of Poles, driving wagons and carts, riding bicycles and pushing baby carriages piled with household Dispute Over Corn Imports goods, were following the Soviet forces as they moved toward War-From Argentina Gives Rise saw

Moscow waited to see whether Marshal Rokossovsky would choose to make frontal assault on Warsaw. or make a feint here and throw Hatch Act in the middle of a tine affair, Agriculture Depart- tula southeast of the city for a thousands of troops across the Vis-Mr. Byrnes' announcement said under consideration today by the structed to provide no informa- A battle for the Upper Niemen

Rearguards' Attempts Futile Front dispatches said Nazi rearguards sought to hold off Soviet forces pushing south on the river, but added that Gen. Ivan Bagra-This instruction was given in a mian's tanks drove through them departmental memorandum signed while his cavalry cut them to pieces, Three Republican members of the by Secretary Wickard and Marvin There were indications that the Germans had placed great numbers The memorandum said that "in- of infantry along the Niemen River investigation" of the PAC and pos- judicious comments" attributed to from Tilsit to Kaunas, m an effort to stage a battle for East Prussia comprehensive demobilization meas- man Dies debated whether to turn with regard to recent negotiations along that line. The Russians were reported 35 miles from the river in

some sectors. A weakness in the German plan to fight a battle for East Prussia along the Nieman lies in the fact that Soviet forces already are across the river south of Kaunas, and are edging up on the southern border of information on a broad field of East Prussia from positions north-Agriculture Department and War west of captured Bialystok.

Food Administration activities. In-In Moscow the liberation of Lith. cluded, for example, would be lease- uania was regarded as possible withlend food negotiations, discussions in a week, and liberation of Latvia on which the report was based were with Cuba with regard to purchase and Estonia was expected a short

In the drive toward Krakow the to supplement this country's feed Russians were approaching the Wistok River, 90 miles to the east, the congressional recess ends August 1, the report said, were made during tiations with other countries with first of numerous north-south water barriers in that sector

British Permit Unity Mitford To Live on Island

LONDON, July 29.—Unity Mitford, once called the "perfect type of Nordic beauty" by Adolf Hitler, has been granted permission to live on the Island of Inchkenneth in the Atlantic west of Mull and has taken up residence there with her parents, cussions from foreign countries. Lord and Lady Redesdale, it was thereby jeopardizing our foreign redisclosed today

The island, off the coast of Scotexample, in the case of Argentine land, is owned by Lord Redesdale. supplies, the State Department has and the only other inhabitants are received complaints from its em- the ferryman and farm manager. bassy in Buenos Aires attributing A second Redesdale daughter. statements to members of this Gov- Lady Mosley, wife of the British ernment that have embarrassed our Fascist leader, Sir Oswald M. Mosposition in the Agrentine. One of ley, was arrested in 1940 by anti-

these statements was attributed to fifth column squads. She and Signan official of the Department of Ag-Oswald were freed by the govern tanks over the Granville-Villedieu in the American Army. He was area. They damaged or probably destroyed 34 more, and altogether (See INVASION, Page A-3.)

the most beloved battalion leaders in the American Army. He was middle 30s. He formerly taught Last spring, when suggestions destroyed 34 more, and altogether (See INVASION, Page A-3.)

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